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EDITORIAL

Going Easy on Communism

IN AN EFFORT to go easy on the communists, General Maxwell Taylor has been rebuked and reassigned by the defense department to a less responsible position.

This appears to be part of the pattern in Washington to cower before communism, and to silence those who would speak out and act against this infection which is creeping over the world.

Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who recently had words with Defense Secretary McNamara on the matter, insists efforts are being made to stop speakers who warn against the red menace.

Said Senator Thurmond:

"I brought this to the attention of the public in a new conference on July 21 and with a series of speeches on the senate floor dating from July 26 to the present time. In the July 26 speech I outlined and documented a concerted campaign to discredit, intimidate and muzzle the military leaders of our nation. I pointed out that this campaign began in this country with the communist party USA and its publication, the Worker. Among the articles I placed in the Congressional Record on July 26 from the Worker was one dated June 4, 1961. This article constitutes a flagrant attack on our top military leadership. Among those named were Lt. Gen. Arthur Trudeau, Adm. Arleigh Burke and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor. Included in the attack were Mr. William C. Sullivan of the FBI and Lyman Kirkpatrick, jr., of the CIA."

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